



Pottawattamie County Supervisor

On February 5 Melvin Houser, the Pottawattamie County Supervisor, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club. The Pottawattamie County taxable valuation is up about 4% from last year, totaling \$4.1 billion. Commercial business makes up about 9% of the value, but pays 23% of the tax revenue. That needs to be adjusted to promote business.

The county government consists of a variety of departments. They include the Auditor, the Assessor, the County Attorney, the Recorder, the Sheriff, and the Treasurer's offices. The Board of Supervisors sets the tax levy, approves the county budget, and sets up other boards and commissions. These boards and commissions include animal control, roads, conservation, veteran's affairs, and others.

For roads, Time 21 increased the road tax fund by \$225M. The county needs an increase of 10 cents in the fuel tax. Dust control is a growing area of expenses. They have completed dust control on Pioneer Trail.

Mevin said that the county government is growing in size. He talked about museums in Oakland and Macedonia that are worth visiting. For more information, see the county website at: <http://www.pottcounty.com/>

Treynor Speech

Kari Ticer and Taylor Sklenar presented their Ensemble Acting selection for the All-State Speech Festival at the Treynor Optimist Club on February 12. Their selection is by Mark Twain, titled "The Dairy of Adam and Eve." It was a very rousing production. They have been selected for the All-State Festival to be held in Ames, Iowa on February 19.

Treynor took nineteen groups to the district contest and fifteen of those groups advanced to the state competition. They are now working on individual speeches.

Meeting Minutes

On February 5 there were 19 members and 8 guests at the Optimist Club meeting. Dennis White opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Chuck Nielsen, Dick Baber, and Keith Denton provided jokes. Judy Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund for a successful spaghetti supper Friday night and Richard Vorthmann invited everyone to his 90th birthday party Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Phyllis Sponsler, the Zone 3 Lt. Governor, visited the club and encouraged everyone to read the Optimist Magazine. The next Zone meeting will be at the Town Hall in Elk Horn on February 12. There will be a soup supper 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting.

The Silver Keg Feeders served breakfast for everyone. Arlyn Norris won the 50-50 drawing and Bob Hibbard won the attendance drawing.

There was a board meeting after the club meeting. The board approved a \$50 donation to the YMCA and \$300 to support the Cub Scouts.

Dennis White opened the meeting on February 12 with the pledge and Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton and Richard Vorthmann provided jokes. Richard Vorthmann and Gary Funkhouser celebrated birthdays by contributing to the Youth Fund.

Dennis White contributed to the youth fund because of starting the meeting ten minutes late. Chuck Nielsen contributed because his son got a job in Treynor. There were 18 members and 9 guests at the meeting.

Gary Gutttau helped the Cheerleaders with can sorting this week. The next can sorting will be February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Dee Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Dee Gutttau also won the attendance drawing, but did not collect because she was not at last week's meeting.

After the club meeting, Dennis White, Chuck Nielsen, Bob Abbott, Dale Willenborg, and Keith Denton helped the Cub Scouts with the pinewood derby. They were judges for the cars and helped with the races. The cars were so fast that even the computerized electronic timing system could not pick a winner without additional human intervention.

CALENDAR

Feb 9 - Can Kennel sorting for the Treynor Cheerleaders. Time is TBD

Feb 4 - Treynor Optimist spaghetti supper - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Feb 1 - Dick Baber (celebrated)
Feb 12 - Richard Vorthmann (celebrated)
Feb 13 - Gary Funkhouser (celebrated)

Anniversaries

Feb 6 - Jon & Debra Jacobsen
Feb 23 - Richard & LuEttta Vorthmann

Speakers

Feb 19 - Jean Stevens

Programs

Feb - Chad Gutttau
Mar - Dale Willenborg
Apr - Gary Gutttau
May - Keith Denton
June - Dick Baber